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Families left in adoption limbo by fee regulations

The cost of adopting kids from Ethiopia has increased A plan backed by families to add a maintenance fee was rejected by the province on Jan. 26

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A Winnipeg family working to finalize the adoption of their Ethiopian daughter is afraid they'll lose the young girl after the Province of Manitoba denied a request to increase fees for the cash-strapped agency bringing her to Canada.

In a letter to families last week, the Canadian Advocate for the Adoption of Children (CAPAC), a Manitoba-based agency specializing in international adoption, said they'd have to transfer their files over to the Manitoba government unless the province allows them to charge more for their services.

"Without the implementation of an increase in fees and immediate interim funding by the province, we will be unable to continue provision of services beyond February 3rd," reads the CAFAC letter dated Feb. 1.

Peter Marrier and his wife Kim O'Grady adopted their nine-year-old daughter Lidiya through CAPAC five years ago.

They had just learned they'd been paired up with three-year-old Kebebush from Ethiopia and the process to bring her to Canada was expected to be complete by next Christmas.

Now, after receiving pictures of the little girl and preparing for her arrival, the family doesn't know what is going to happen.

"We were devastated when we received CAFAC's communication," said Marrier on Monday. "We had waited so long for a referral, and to be plunged so quickly from joy to despair was heartbreaking."

Marrier said because the province regulates adoption costs and won't allow CAFAC to up its fees, the agency has stopped taking new applications and can't afford to continue processing those already in the system.

The family worries about what will happen to Kebebush, who is currently being cared for in a CAFAC-funded foster facility in Ethiopia.

Marrier didn't get the answer to his questions Monday, but says he did receive an email from the province confirming CAFAC was able to remain operational past the Feb. 3 deadline, and is still in negotiations with the provincial government.

Under consideration

A spokesperson with the province told Metro that the CAFAC's proposal for a fee increase is being considered.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

▶ Peter Marrier, his wife, Kim O'Grady, and their daughter, Lidiya, 9, have more questions than answers after a decision of the provincial government left the adoption process they've spent three years working on in peril.

"CAFAC has managed to ensure funding for the transition home until Feb. 29. If CAFAC can't find a way to receive the funds, they need to keep operating, what happens to those kids on March 1?" PETER MARRIER

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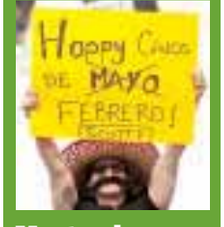

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Union wants Sinclair inquiry dismissed

The union representing Manitoba social workers is asking the province's highest court to scuttle a long-awaited inquiry into the death of five-year-old Phoenix Sinclair who had spent time in foster care.

Garth Smorang, a lawyer for the Manitoba Government and Employees' Union, says the inquiry is overstepping its bounds, adding that union lawyers concluded Commissioner Ted Hughes doesn't have jurisdiction under law to look into the circumstances surrounding Phoenix's death.

Chief Morris Swan-Shannacappo with the Southern Chiefs Organization said First Nations want to see the inquiry go ahead so child welfare can be examined and improved.

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Relative of accused wife killer testifies

A relative of a man accused of killing his wife says the grass in the man's backyard was strangely wet after his wife's death.

Shannon Kilpatrick testified in a Winnipeg court that a section of the lawn was wet and very green, while the rest of the lawn was dry.

That section of the property is where the Crown alleges Mark Stobbe attacked his wife with a hatchet and washed away some of the evidence.

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▶ RCMP work a checkstop, looking to catch drivers using hand-held devices such as cellphones Monday. The stops are part of an MPI-funded program targeting distracted drivers. It runs until the end of February in Winnipeg and across Manitoba.

MPI funds fight back against distracted driving

- Insurer wants Manitobans to keep off cellphones while on the road
- WPS say nearly 5,000 tickets handed out since ban put in place

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Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) is putting its money where its mouth is in the fight to curb cellphone use while driving.

The crown corporation is providing $120,000 to the Winnipeg police, the RCMP and the Brandon Police Service to conduct targeted enforcement of distracted drivers during the month of February.

"This is providing additional enforcement over and above what they do already," says Ted Hlynsky, vice-president of MPI's claims-control and safety operations, noting a recent study by the insurer showed 40 per cent of the 800 Manitobans surveyed still use their phones while driving. "By having this dedicated enforcement, it's a good reminder for (drivers) of the risks associated with this."

The province amended the Manitoba Highway Traffic Act to prohibit drivers from using any hand-operated electronic device while driving in July 2010.

Hlynsky says the new funding will be used to set up enforcement at intersections in the city and across the province, and to pay for roadside checks, but Sgt. Rob Riffel of the WPS was tight-lipped about how many officers would be involved and what parts of the city the program would target.

"Everybody knows it's a hazard on the road.... Anytime we can get extra officers to enforce these laws to make it safer for our citizens, the better it is for everybody."
SGT. ROB RIFFEL WITH THE WPS

$199.80 The cost of the ticket drivers receive for using their cellphones while driving.

"We don't normally give away what we do operationally, but I can say we'll have increased presence of dedicated traffic officers looking for this offence," he said. "There's a couple weeks that are dedicated to certain areas … and then there's two weeks that will be just roving throughout the city."

Officers set up a checkstop following a press conference held at the Birds Hill Weigh Station on Highway 59 Monday, and Corey Dyck — one of the first drivers stopped — said he's happy to see MPI put funding toward the extra enforcement.

"If it's going to prevent people from getting into accidents, it's going to save money in the long run," said the semi-truck driver. "It just takes a split second to get into an accident."

Hotel owner told to add sprinkler system

A city committee has told the owner of the St. Charles Hotel to bring the building's fire-protection system up to code or risk losing the property.

Owner Ken Zaifman had appealed a city order to put in a new sprinkler system while he works towards redeveloping the Notre Dame Avenue building.

Although Zaifman told the downtown development committee Monday he's installed new heat sensors, members voted to deny the appeal.

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▶ St. Charles Hotel

"It's a fire-monitoring system, which is different than a fire-suppression system," said committee chair Coun. Justin Swandel after the vote. "The fire department goes in there with the belief there's a sprinkler system in there."

The city can eventually take the property over if the owner decides not to conform to the order.

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News in brief

Police find stolen vehicle

Winnipeg police have located the vehicle stolen in a carjacking on Friday in the St. Vital Mall parking lot. The car was found Sunday at about 7:40 p.m. on Donwood Drive.

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Cops asking public for help

Police are asking for the public's help after two boys were approached near Arbuthnot Street and McMillian Avenue on Saturday by a man driving a white van.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 986-2877 or Crime Stoppers at 786-8477. METRO

Crash leaves 11 dead in Ontario

Police say migrant workers were among those killed
Collision causes van to roll into yard of a home

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▶ Emergency crews investigate a multiple fatal motor vehicle accident near Hampstead, Ont., about 130 kilometres west of Toronto.

A horrific collision between a flatbed truck and a large passenger van near a tiny hamlet in southwestern Ontario has killed 11 people and injured three others, provincial police confirmed Monday.

OPP Insp. Steve Porter said a large white van loaded with people believed to be migrant workers was travelling west when it was broadsided by the flatbed.

Ten of the passengers in the van were pronounced dead at the scene, he said, adding the driver of the truck was also killed.

Police said one survivor was airlifted to hospital in Hamilton with life-threatening injuries, while two others are being treated for serious injuries in nearby Stratford, Ont.

"I've been on the job for 28 years and I've never seen anything quite like this collision tonight," Porter told a news conference at the scene of the crash.

Porter said police believe many of the victims to be migrant workers, but offered no other details. Some reports said one of the survivors spoke Spanish.

OPP Sgt. David Rektor said the workers were travelling in a van equipped to carry 15 passengers safely. He said investigators believe driver error was behind the crash.

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Harper won't pull ambassador from Syria

The official Opposition wants Canada's ambassador recalled from Syria, but the government says he will stay in the besieged country to blast President Bashar Assad for his attacks on domestic dissenters.

NDP foreign-affairs critic Hélène Laverdière urged the government to recall the envoy because she said it would send a strong message to Assad, who has waged a bloody 11-month crackdown on dissent in his country that has left thousands dead. A Syrian-government military offensive against people in the city of Homs has entered its third day.

The Obama administration closed the U.S. embassy in Damascus on Monday and recalled all diplomatic staff.

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KILL TRAP NOT USED IN BEAVER DEATHS: OFFICIAL

▶ A beaver seen in Ottawa, left, and traps a resident found in the same area.

A Parks Canada official says two beavers that built a lodge near a wharf at the Hogs Back locks in Ottawa were accidentally killed when rising water levels drowned them inside a live trap.

Irv Mazurkiewicz, director of canal operations for the Rideau Canal, said Parks Canada and the National Capital Commission received complaints over the past month from homeowners about beavers felling trees near their property.

He said Parks Canada hired a licensed trapper with the Ministry of Natural Resources who is experienced with trapping beavers in urban areas.

Area resident Jenni Meldrum claimed she saw kill traps at the site when she walked her dog on Tuesday, but Mazurkiewicz said that is not true.

"It was not a snare trap," said Mazurkiewicz.

JOE LOFARO IN OTTAWA

Computer. Camp

▶ A participant checks his computer inside a tent at the camping area of the VI edition of the Campus Party event in Sao Paulo, Monday.

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Hackers, gamers, geeks unite!

The Campus Party is an annual, week-long, 24-hour technology festival that gathers around 7,000 hackers, developers, gamers and computer geeks. The event is held Feb. 6-12.

Canada Post removes mailboxes

The ubiquitous red letter box in Canada is going the way of the pay phone.

They are harder to find because Canada Post has removed more than 1,000 from across the country, in large part because household mail has dropped off 17 per cent in the past five years.

"People are not sending as much mail anymore," Anick Losier, a spokeswoman for Canada Post, said Monday.

30.5K In 2009 Canada Post had 31,584 street letter boxes and in 2011 that number dropped to 30,546.

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Queen marks 60 years on throne

Monarch praised for quiet sense of duty ◐ Global accolades pouring in

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov.-Gen. David Johnston pose with Diamond Jubilee Medal winner Alex Forrest of Winnipeg on Monday.

SERVICE 'SO EXEMPLIFIED BY HER MAJESTY'

Canada kicked off celebrations with the presentation of 60 Diamond Jubilee medals.

- About 60,000 Canadians are to receive the medal this year, in recognition of community work.
- Recipients come from all walks of life and all but one province and territory: Newfoundland and Labrador.

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▶ Hannah Taylor of Winnipeg receives her Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Tributes poured in to Queen Elizabeth II on Monday as she marked her Diamond Jubilee with a message vowing to continue serving the British people.

Dressed in a Tiffany-blue hat and colourful overcoat against the winter cold, she was greeted by well-wishers in the snow-covered town of King's Lynn at an event planned to mark Accession Day, the anniversary of the day she became queen in 1952.

"I love that the monarchy is above politics and feel that the queen represents that best of all," said Laura Skrzynski, a long-time admirer of Elizabeth who joined the crowd of about 150 people applauding the queen's arrival. "She stands for integrity and respect, and I am inspired by her faith. She has been a constant through all our lives."

Accession Day is usually marked quietly because it also marks the anniversary of the death of Elizabeth's father, King George VI. But it drew extra attention this year because of the milestone celebration.

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▶ Queen Elizabeth II is greeted by wellwishers during a visit to Kings Lynn Town Hall in Norfolk, England, Monday.

$7.5M Ottawa has pledged $7.5 million to help fund four months worth of commemorative activities.

Judge finds Calgary man guilty of assaulting former roommate

JEREMY NOLAIS IN CALGARY

LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Crown prosector Joe Mercier speaks to reporters in Calgary Monday after a verdict in the Dustin Paxton case.

Calgary's Dustin Paxton savagely beat his former roommate and business partner to the point that it caused memory loss and forced him to perform sexual acts under the threat of further punishment, a judge has ruled.

The verdict, handed down by Justice Sheilah Martin on Monday, capped a more than four-month trial that included graphic descriptions of repeated assaults against Paxton's victim, whose identity is protected by a publication ban.

That individual was dropped off at a Regina hospital in April 2010 with blunt injuries to much of his body. He was an unhealthy 90 pounds at the time and continues to suffer from after-effects to this day, Martin said.

"I find the frequency, intensity and severity of the assaults grew over time," Martin said, noting the punishment took place over a period of 18 months.

▶ Dustin Paxton

Sitting inside the courtroom, Paxton smirked early on and shook his head repeatedly as Martin detailed numerous witness accounts of the assaults.

As the proceedings advanced to Paxton's run of disturbing sexual assaults, the accused became noticeably agitated, holding his head in his hands.

"In essence, he used sex as a further weapon of assault," Martin explained.

Paxton's defence counsel refused to comment following court proceedings and it was unclear whether they intend to appeal.

Martin's findings, meanwhile, also served to absolve Calgary police investigators involved with the Paxton case. Defence counsel had claimed members coached witnesses and used signals to communicate with them during the trial.

"There was never any question with respect to our officer's conduct whatsoever," said police Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux late Monday.

Looking ahead

- Paxton was also found guilty Monday of assaulting and uttering threats against former roommate Abraham Chutta. He faces further charges for allegedly assaulting a guard at the remand centre where he is being held.
- Court proceedings will resume Feb. 17. At that time, representatives will determine a date for sentencing on all four counts.

MP moves to reopen abortion debate

A backbench Tory MP is asking Parliament to study whether Canada's definition of a human being, which refers to birth, needs to be pushed back to include life in the womb.

Stephen Woodworth, a pro-life member representing a Kitchener, Ont., riding, said today he has filed a motion in the House of Commons asking for a committee to study the issue.

Woodworth wants Canada to throw out its 400-year-old definition of a human being as someone who is born, saying medical evidence has shown that human beings are created sometime before birth.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson immediately played down the move, saying the "prime minister has been very clear, our government will not reopen this debate."

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'Diefen-baby' determined to prove who father was

A man who believes former prime minister John Diefenbaker may have been his father has turned up some new leads in his paternity search.

George Dryden says he was contacted by a woman who also believes Diefenbaker may be her father and started making inquiries in 1977.

He says she told him she was then visited by an RCMP agent who was "very concerned" about a nine-year-old boy Diefenbaker had just met and thought might be his illegitimate son.

Dryden says he met Diefenbaker in 1977 at a function on Parliament Hill that he attended with his mother — when he was nine years old.

Canada's 13th prime minister had no known children.

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▶ A woman makes her way through a snow-covered street in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina on Monday.

Europe digs out

Big freeze causes traffic chaos with roads shut down and airports closed Thousands trapped in villages

Overwhelmed by deep snow and harsh temperatures, some countries in Europe closed down schools and struggled to run public transport Monday, as post-snow rains caused a dam to collapse in Bulgaria, flooding a village and killing at least four.

Another four people were killed by floods in southern Bulgaria, and 10 people are missing, authorities said.

Europeans across the continent were digging out from heavy snow after a week of bitter cold in which the number of dead — most of them homeless — continued to rise by the day.

-36C

Temperatures have fallen as low as minus -36 C in Ukraine, the country hardest-hit by deaths due to the weather.

The Serbian government late on Sunday declared an emergency situation, saying the intense snowfall has jeopardized normal functioning. Emergency officials said that 70,000 people were cut off by the heavy snow.

Power will be shut down in all primary schools and high schools for a week to save power and keep children safe. Thrilled, hundreds of kids filled the parks in the capital, Belgrade, sledding and making snow angels.

Schools will also be closed in Rome on Tuesday, as Italy copes with unusually heavy snow for the Mediterranean country. So far, 10 deaths have been linked to winter weather.

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Dozens trapped after quake shakes the Philippines

Rescuers dug with picks and shovels trying to reach dozens of people trapped under houses collapsed by a strong earthquake Monday that shook a central Philippine island and set off landslides.

At least 13 people were killed and 40 are believed missing, most of them along the shore near the epicenter of the 6.9-magnitude quake that struck in a narrow strait just off Negros Island.

Others were trapped in their homes after a number of landslides.

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▶ Residents look for higher ground after Monday's earthquake in the Philippines set off tsunami rumours.

Self-professed shooter wants medal of honour

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▶ Anders Behring Breivik appears in an Oslo court on Monday.

The right-wing extremist who has admitted killing 77 people in Norway's worst peacetime massacre told a court Monday that he deserves a medal of honour for the bloodshed and demanded to be set free.

Anders Behring Breivik smirked as he was led in to the Oslo district court, handcuffed and dressed in a dark suit, for his last scheduled detention hearing before the trial starts in April. He stretched out his arms in what his lawyer Geir Lippestad called "some kind of right-wing extremist greeting."

Reading from prepared remarks, the 32-year-old Norwegian told the court that the July 22 massacre — carried out with a bomb, a rifle and a handgun — was a strike against "traitors" who he said are embracing immigration to promote "an Islamic colonization of Norway."

Like in previous hearings, Breivik admitted to setting off the bomb outside the government headquarters in Oslo and opening fire at a Labor Party youth camp on Utoya island, outside the capital. But he again denied criminal responsibility for the deaths and rejected the authority of the court.

Some 100 survivors and victims' relatives watched in disbelief as Breivik asked to be released and then told the judge he should receive a military honour for the attacks. Many survivors had expressed concern that Breivik will use court hearings to draw attention to his extremist views.

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The situation

- Judge Wenche Gjelsten ordered Breivik to remain in custody until the trial begins on April 16. Breivik faces terror charges that carry up to 21 years in prison, but if he's deemed to be gravely mentally ill he will be sent to psychiatric care.
- A psychiatric evaluation found Breivik criminally insane, but a second evaluation was ordered amid criticism of that diagnosis. Breivik has refused to cooperate with psychiatrists in the second review.

Iran now facing new penalties

Targeting Iran's economy, the U.S. moved Monday to further pinch the country's financial system and encourage Israel to give sanctions more time before any military action against Iran's nuclear program.

New, stricter sanctions, authorized by President Barack Obama, give U.S. banks new powers to freeze assets linked to the Iranian government and close loopholes that officials say Iran has used to move money despite earlier restrictions imposed by the U.S. and Europe.

The action against the Central Bank of Iran is more significant for its timing than its immediate effect. It comes as the United States and its allies are arguing that tough sanctions can still persuade Iran to back off what the West contends is a drive to build a nuclear bomb.

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Cameroon volcano erupts

Cameroon Radio Television reported Monday that a violent explosion Friday on Mount Cameroon lasted a couple of seconds and lightly injured two among the porters and guides on the mountain.

Mountain guide Peter Buma Linonge told state radio there were explosions, then flames followed by ash. Mount Cameroon is an active volcano and the highest peak in West Africa.

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Train riders to be hit by the goop

Indonesia has another bizarre way to keep commuters off the roofs of trains: swat them with brooms drenched in putrid goop.

Indonesia has tried just about everything to keep passengers from clamouring atop trains. The first tactic that worked was deployed last month. Grapefruit-sized concrete balls were suspended on chains from a frame that looks like a soccer goal.

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Canada slips from top spot on economy: Analysts

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▶ People wait to talk with potential employers at a job fair sponsored by National Career Fairs in New York last December. Month by month, the U.S. job market is regaining its health.

- Economists expect U.S. economic growth to outpace Canada's in 2012
- Employment in U.S. has been rising twice as sharply as in Canada

It's going to get harder for Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his ministers to keep boasting that Canada is No. 1 among economic rivals.

As the year unfolds, analysts say it will become increasingly apparent that Canada no longer leads the G7 in economic growth and job creation.

And as unlikely as it seems, it's the United States — the land of crippling trade deficits, high unemployment and government debt — that's likely to relegate Canada to second place, if not third behind Germany.

"We are going into a period of catch-up where it looks like the U.S. is doing better because they will be growing faster, on the jobs front perhaps most starkly," says Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist with the Bank of Montreal.

On many fronts, the switch has already begun.

Last week's employment reports indicated 2,300 jobs added in Canada in January versus 243,000 in the U.S. Even though Canada is one tenth the size of the U.S., that's still more than 10 times more jobs created.

In the fourth quarter of 2011, the U.S. posted a gross domestic product expansion of 2.8 per cent, while Canada's is projected to come in at 1.5 per cent with the tally from Statistics Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Railroad legend assures he can turn CP around

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▶ Hunter Harrison

Railroad legend Hunter Harrison promises he won't disappoint if Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. shareholders grant him the chance to end his retirement and head up an overhaul of the struggling railroad.

But the 67-year-old former CEO of rival Canadian National Railway also pledges his "no excuses" crackdown on efficiency wouldn't mean slashing costs or massive job cuts.

In a town-hall meeting in Toronto on Monday hosted by Pershing Square — the New York hedge fund calling for a shakeup at the railway — Harrison said shareholders need to re-evaluate CP's strategy, as well as its current management, who appear to be confused as to "what they really want to do and accomplish."

Bill Ackman, head of the Pershing Square activist fund that holds a 14.2 per cent stake in CP, believes current CEO Fred Green is the wrong man for the job, and endorses handing the reins to Harrison.

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Amazon to pilot retail

A pair of industry bloggers are reporting that Amazon.com is set to open a brick-and-mortar store in Seattle to test the waters for a retail launch. Amazon recently launched its own publishing arm, Amazon Exclusives, but Indigo and Barnes & Noble refuse to carry their books.

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Market moment

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News in brief

India challenges Internet giants

CENSORSHIP. Google India has removed web pages deemed offensive to Indian political and religious leaders to comply with a court case that has raised censorship fears in the world's largest democracy, media reported Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snow village set for Saudi mall

COMPETITION. Dubai's famed indoor ski slope is about to get competition. Saudi developers say they plan a "snow village" inside a new mall in Riyadh, set to open this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HOW MUCH DO MARKS MATTER?

SHE SAYS ...

JESSICA NAPIER
METRO

The University of British Columbia recently announced that starting in the 2012-2013 academic year admission to the institution would no longer be dependent exclusively on grades. All applicants will be required to complete a supplementary questionnaire about their extracurricular activities and life experiences outside of the classroom.

The reasoning behind this decision is that the leaders of tomorrow (and source of future alumni donations) need to have interpersonal skills, not just book smarts, in order to succeed. Because we all know that, once you graduate, being able to network is far more important than knowing stuff.

As a closeted academic who still dreams of going back to school to do a PhD the way other people dream about early retirement, my initial reaction to this decision was one of total horror.

"Perhaps the move to a more holistic set of admission requirements isn't about 'dumbing down' post-secondary education, but about encouraging a student population that is more intellectually, socially and emotionally diverse."

During my postgrad days I worked as a teaching assistant for an undergraduate marketing class. With every assignment I graded, I became more and more concerned about the lack of basic writing skills among the student body. I encountered so many spelling mistakes and grammatical errors that I began to question how some students had even managed to pass a high school English course. With this in mind, the last thing we need is for universities to begin experimenting with lowering their admission standards in the name of well-roundedness.

On the other hand, a culture of grade-chasing overachievers doesn't allow for the type of creative minds that we need in academia, business, the arts, medicine, law and so on. Perhaps the move to a more holistic set of admission requirements isn't about "dumbing down" post-secondary education, but about encouraging a student population that is more intellectually, socially and emotionally diverse. Then again, I'm not sure when being "smart" and being "sociable, physically active, compassionate, etc." became mutually exclusive.

I don't believe we should judge students on how well they can recite textbooks verbatim and memorize formulas. We should look at university as a place for breeding critical thinking and intellectual curiosity. Not only that, they are places for personal growth, blossoming independence and cultivating all those basic life skills you didn't figure out back when your parents were doing your laundry and cooking your meals.

That said, universities aren't grownup summer camps and they shouldn't be treated as such. More than anything, those four years are about higher education, and if you don't have the marks to get there how are you going to get the marks to stay there?

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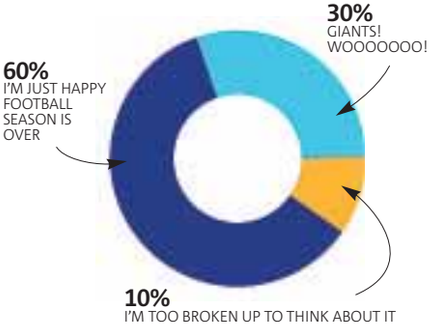
So how about that game on Sunday?



Local tweets

- **@ShannonVanRaes:** Listening to interview on #winnipeg police wages ... I'll just note #farming is still one of most dangerous professions in CND #westcdnag
- **@alexgordon:** Can't keep up with Winnipeg's bipolar weather
- **@MikeFriesen10:** If it was the Winnipeg Polar Bears at least the losing-streak puns would bring about environmental awareness.
- **@Kittiefuk:** Who the hell walks around a hotel restaurant with no shoes? Then goes into the public restroom barefoot? #disgusting #Winnipeg
- **@aliciajphoto:** Dear City of #Winnipeg, a little warning would be nice before you shut my water off for the 2nd time this week.
- **@mitchy061:** Note to self: Wearing a #habs shirt the day after the jets lose to them around Winnipeg was a bad idea. #stillfresh #cutsdeep #glares
- **@katelynrebecca:** oh god, I don't even have words to describe how I feel about SMASH. Why do I have to wait so long for the next episode?

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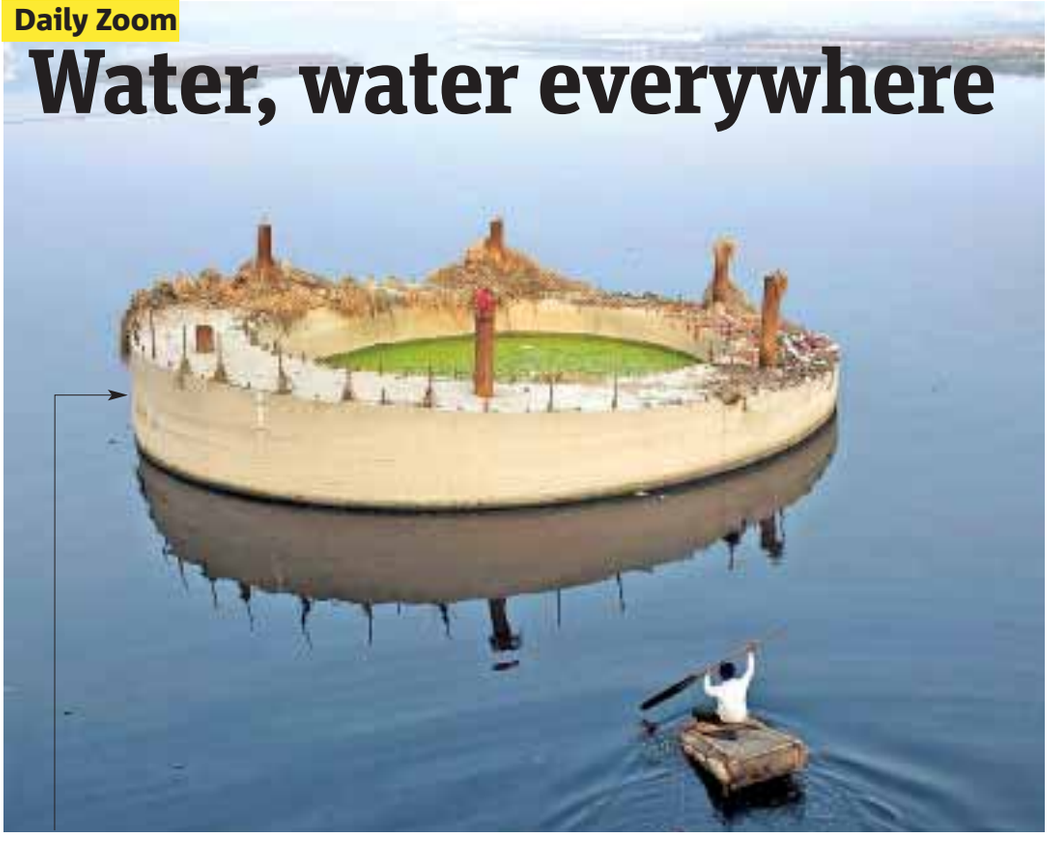
Water, water everywhere



J-stroking it

An Indian man paddles a raft to a concrete island, meant to be part of an overpass construction project but now derelict, as he searches for items to salvage in the holy River Yamuna in New Delhi on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drying up

- Environmentalists say only 30 per cent of Yamuna's original river bed is left today. In 1962, the full river bed was visible in areas such as north Delhi, east Delhi and Noida, according to the Deccan Herald.

Nor any drop to drink

The Yamuna is one of the world's most polluted rivers while supplying more than 60 per cent of the water needed by the Delhi region.
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400X The level of total coliforms like fecal bacteria, which indicate presence of disease-causing bacteria in the water, are 400 times higher in New Delhi compared to tests performed upstream, a report says.

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Vowing to stay true to roles

Rising actor Channing Tatum initially turned down the lead in new romantic drama

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HANDOUT

▶ Actor Channing Tatum, left, stars with Rachel McAdams in The Vow, based on the real-life story of a couple trying to rebuild their relationship after a car accident robs the wife of her memories.

Director Michael Sucsy isn't afraid to admit that Channing Tatum initially passed on his lead role in The Vow, his new romantic drama based on a true story co-starring Rachel McAdams.

The film follows Leo and Paige, a couple trying to rebuild their relationship after a car accident robs Paige of her memories — including those of her husband. So what was so wrong with the project, according to Tatum?

"When I read the first version of the script, it felt like Leo was just too great. He was too good, too perfect. He was so understanding that I didn't believe him as a real person," Tatum says, adding that he had trouble connecting with the character. "I wish I could say I'd be that understanding," he says. "I think it would be more frustrating."

So how did Sucsy lure his leading man back to the project? Having McAdams on board didn't hurt.

"As soon as I heard that she was on it, I was like, 'I'm in,'" Tatum admits — but first they had to make some changes to his character.

"We tried to put more frustration in there," he says. "I think you would have to swallow so much, and that's what we were trying to do with Leo. I even wish we'd have went a little step further with it, but I think it might've been too heavy."

Of course, they could always refer back to Kim and Krickitt Carpenter, the real-life couple on whose story The Vow is based.

But the Carpenters made Tatum more nervous than anything else: "I was worried. I was nervous to meet [Krickitt] because I didn't want him to hate what I was doing with their story," he says. "But they were so positive. I think they were just so thankful that their story was going to be out there — or a version of it."

Speaking of real-life situations, part of Tatum's own life will be hitting theatres later this year with Stephen Soderbergh's Magic Mike, which the actor co-wrote, focusing on a particularly revealing part of his young life.

"I was a stripper for about eight months between 18 and 19 years of age in Florida," Tatum says. "It's a part of my life that I'm not so proud of, but I'm not ashamed of it. If anything, I will stand by it because it was one of the most pivotal parts of my entire life. It was crazy."

It's also the kind of personal history most A-list stars would try to cover up — something Tatum admits he was pressured to do at first.

"[My publicist] was like, 'No no no, we're not saying anything about it,'" he says. "I'm like, 'Look, it's going to come out, I'm telling you. We should just say it, because I'm not ashamed of it. I'm telling you we should talk about this because I think it's hilarious, and I'm not afraid to talk about it.' I will tell you, though, after the film comes out I will never talk about it again. I'll be like, 'Enough said, watch the movie.'"

Ad advantage

- An acting career — and a clearly successful one at that — likely wouldn't have happened for Channing Tatum if it hadn't been for one visionary director.
- "I just fell into this Pepsi commercial that was directed by [renowned Indian director] Tarsem, and it was such a fun experience," Tatum says. "It was one of those moments when I was like, 'Oh my God, this is everything I've ever wanted to do.'"

Ellen's in

JC Penney continues to support their decision for hiring Ellen DeGeneres as the spokesperson despite an outcry from the One Million Moms group.

One Million Moms, a project of the American Family Association, is arguing that because DeGeneres is gay, JC Penney is not presenting the image of a family-friendly store.

The organization insists that JC Penney should "replace Ellen DeGeneres as their new spokesperson immediately and remain neutral in the culture war."

What do you think? By supporting an openly gay woman, is JC Penney taking sides in the "culture war"? Or are they just supporting a popular comedian?

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Best new artist Grammy nominee J. Cole has gold album, platinum single, but wants more

GETTY IMAGES

▶ M.I.A.

NFL, NBC sorry for M.I.A. gesture

Performing with Madonna on their new single Give Me All Your Luvin' during the halftime show at Super Bowl XLVI, singer M.I.A. faced the camera and held up a middle finger Sunday night.

The gesture instantly lit up Twitter, with some wondering if it would become this year's "wardrobe malfunction."

NBC, the network that aired the game, said in a statement: "We apologize for the inappropriate gesture that aired during halftime. It was a spontaneous gesture that our delay system caught late."

The National Football League, although in charge of the content of the show, blamed the network for not catching and censoring it.

"There was a failure in NBC's delay system," the league said.

"The obscene gesture in the performance was completely inappropriate, very disappointing, and we apologize to our fans," said Brian McCarthy, spokesman for the NFL, which produced the show.

M.I.A. also may have said "I don't give a s***," but it was hard to hear. The singer has a long history of provocation, both onstage and on her albums, but who knew she'd out-controversy Madonna? It was the first rude halftime show gesture since 2004, when Janet Jackson's breast was exposed.

In that case, the television network was fined $550,000 for indecency by the Federal Communications Commission. Only last year did they win an appeal.

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Katy Perry and Tim Tebow... a match made in heaven?

Newly single singer dedicates a song to the football player at a pre-Super Bowl party Perry's parents want a 'good Christian' man for their daughter

THE WORD

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Katy Perry made her first U.S. concert appearance since husband Russell Brand filed for divorce, playing a pre-Super Bowl party in Indianapolis, according to People magazine.

And while she made no mention of Brand, she did apparently have another guy on her mind: "This one goes out to Tim Tebow," she said before playing her song Peacock.

It was previously reported that Perry's religious parents were eager to set their newly single daughter up with the football player because "above all, he's a good Christian."

If you need a rebound who is the exact opposite of your soon-to-be ex-husband, Tim Tebow is probably it.

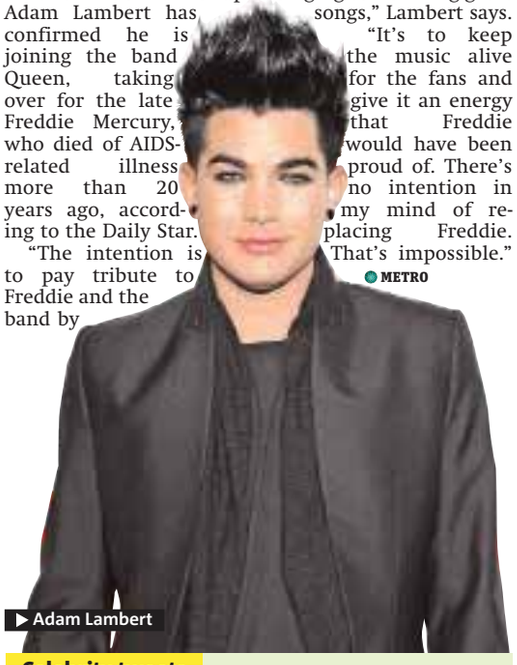
▶ Katy Perry

▶ Tim Tebow — doing what he does best.

Lambert set to replace Mercury

American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert has confirmed he is joining the band Queen, taking over for the late Freddie Mercury, who died of AIDS-related illness more than 20 years ago, according to the Daily Star.

"The intention is to pay tribute to Freddie and the band by singing some f—ing great songs," Lambert says. "It's to keep the music alive for the fans and give it an energy that Freddie would have been proud of. There's no intention in my mind of replacing Freddie. That's impossible." METRO



▶ Adam Lambert

Celebrity tweets

@kylieminogue
Dear London, my fingertips are freezing....bbbrrrrrRR

@NathanFillion
When singing Happy Birthday, start low. It's a high song, and starting too high guarantees it'll sound like no one cares.

@lindsaylohan
419 Venice way is on the market!! Anyone looking in Venice should see it ASAP because offers are coming in :)

@JerrySeinfeld
The Chocolate Pop Tart was an act of Kelloggs terrorism. #Justwrong

Pitt and Clooney love to one up each other

Brad Pitt wants to make it clear that he fired the first shot in his ongoing practical joke war with pal George Clooney, claiming an elaborate joke during filming of Ocean's Twelve marked the beginning of hostilities.

"I sent a memo to the entire Italian crew, in Italian, that said, 'Dear Crew: We wish you a wonderful shoot. George Clooney asks that, this is a very difficult role for him. He needs to concentrate deeply," Pitt explains during an Inside the Actor's Studio" interview.

"Mr. Clooney asks that you try not to interrupt him, look him in the eye. If you do need to address Mr. Clooney, please refer to him only as 'Daniel' or 'Mr. Ocean.' It went on for two weeks. He handled it gracefully, but he was becoming unnerved, I think."

And what about Clooney's recent promises for a new, even bigger prank he plans to pull on Pitt? The Moneyball star says he's got his retaliation move ready to go.

"Whatever he's got, this is uglier. It's so bad, I don't even know if I can do it," Pitt says. METRO

▶ Brad Pitt

▶ George Clooney

Aniston and Theroux all lovey-dovey

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux's romance appears to be going strong, as the pair were spotted over the weekend sharing a "snuggly" dinner at the Sunset Tower in Beverly Hills.

"They looked really happy," a source tells People magazine. "They were so cute, and when they were walking out he put his arm around her." Aniston's reps haven't commented on earlier reports that she's pregnant with Theroux's child. METRO

▶ Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux

Harrelson jumps into hot water

Woody Harrelson got off on the wrong foot with some online fans when he participated in an Ask Me Anything chat session with Web forum Reddit — but then tried to keep the conversation about his new movie, Rampart, and citing his time being "valuable" as the reason for the focus.

"This isn't The Tonight Show and I'm not buying your bulls—," one chat participant snapped aback. "It was too bad you couldn't just open up to your fans with honest answers instead of peddling your latest movie. Oh well, I'll just assume some clueless PR person convinced you to do this (assuming this is even you)." METRO

▶ Woody Harrelson

3 life

The last great couturier

Iconic designer Karl Lagerfeld refuses to be defined Now 73, he drinks Diet Coke, quotes Percy Bysshe Shelley and, with two new lines, still makes women clamour for his clothes

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It's 5 p.m., and Karl Lagerfeld was due to arrive at 3:30 p.m. So his press team and I, sitting in his private office on Paris' Left Bank, munch on Magnum Ice Cream bars, a brand for which he's directed commercials.

A staffer offers me a pink bottle of Diet Coke emblazoned with a miniature ponytailed Lagerfeld and designed by the man himself. I pour the soda into a sleek, cube-shaped Orrefors glass created by, you guessed it, and then sip my drink underneath a giant crystal antique chandelier.

Finally, Lagerfeld arrives looking impenetrable in dark glasses and leather, but he has the sniffles. Welcome to Karl's world, a contradictory mixture of the old-fashioned and thoroughly modern, the rarefied and the mass market, the untouchable and surprisingly vulnerable.

You're about to re-launch your Karl Lagerfeld brand as two collections, both of which will be sold online and one of which is very affordable. Why now?
These days, it's much easier to use decent fabrics for not so much money. Really great. When I did H&M, which was already seven years ago — I cannot believe it — I had a kind of appeal for people who buy inexpensive.

I don't say cheap because people are cheap, but clothes are not supposed to be cheap — they are supposed to be well designed and not expensive.

There's a very big difference, ah? So [the Karl Lagerfeld launch] has the top and the top of the inexpensive. I don't say low because there is nothing low.

When I did H&M, everyone said don't do it. And it worked. When I took over Chanel, everyone said to me, don't do it, it's dead, it doesn't work. It worked beyond. So I better not listen to people and follow only my instincts.

Do you spend a lot of time on the Internet?
Yes. I spend a lot of time — no, time passes so quickly that nothing is ever a lot of time.

Do you ever shop online?
Not personally.... I don't do the Internet myself but everyone around me does it for me. And if I want to buy, I buy things from the Internet but it's not me personally. I don't give the number of my credit card and all those things.

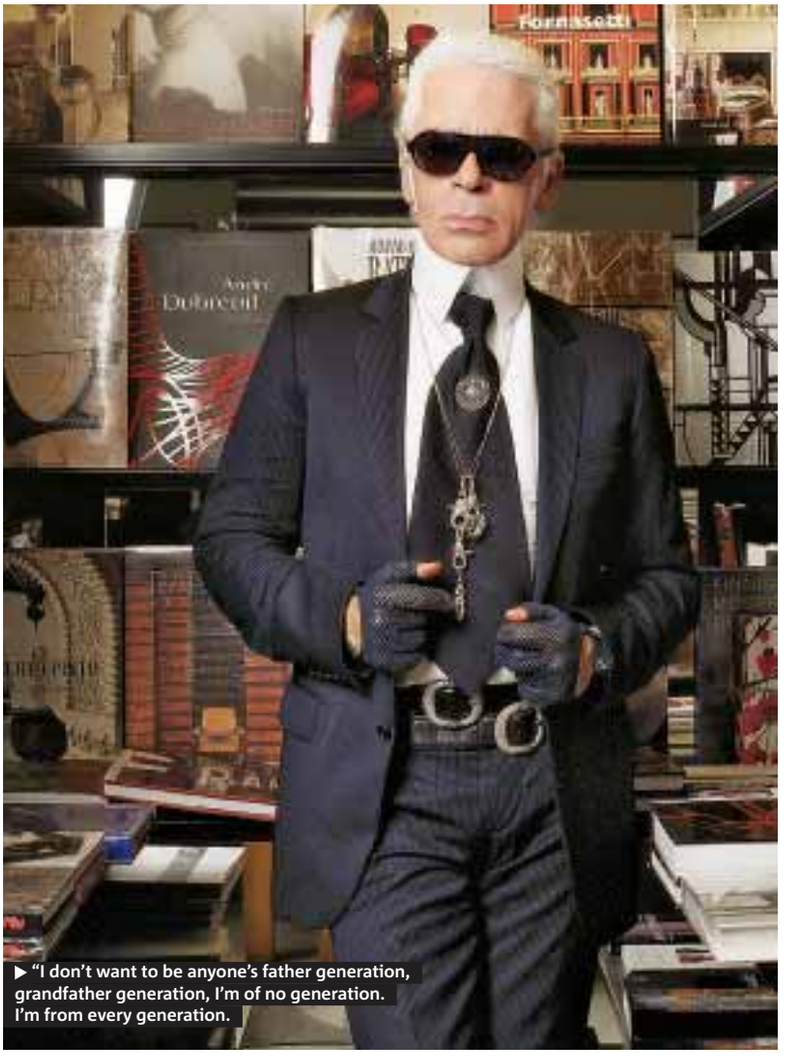
What is your response, to people who say you do too many collaborations?
I couldn't care less. It depends if I know the people. If unknown people say this, they should send me a note and explain why. The limit is up to me to decide.

You're known for constantly moving forward and really capturing the now. But are there any moments from the past that you hold dear?
I'm not a vintage specialist. For nothing. Not for my life, not for my work, for nothing. I have no archives. Maybe the houses keep archives. I have nothing. I'm not interested in what I did. I'm just interested in what I'm doing, what can be inspired.

You've influenced many people. Who has influenced you?
You know, don't put influence into words. Influence has another name and that's called copying. It's in the air, I don't know. I'm like a TV antenna.

Do you watch a lot of TV?
I like to be on TV but I don't watch TV. I have no time for that.... When I'm at home alone, I hate voices. I like music or singing, but I hate voices and stories. It has the feeling that they enter my life. I love to be alone to read, to sketch with music, but I don't like ready-made images. I prefer to live on my imagination.

KARL LAGERFELD



▶ "I don't want to be anyone's father generation, grandfather generation, I'm of no generation. I'm from every generation.

When was the last time you were in love?
I don't know. I like freedom.

Do you find relationships too constricting?
Relationships happen for everybody, it can never be a problem. But it's not really my main thing.

If you had a child or a pupil or someone who you had to pass down words to live by, what would you pass down?
That's why I don't have children, mmm? There's nothing to pass down because everybody has to invent his own thing. I don't believe very much in this because what I learned, saw, and all that happened in other periods, and the world is different now.

I have a godson, who is small, three-and-a-half years old. Genius. He's got real personality and his parents have no authority. He loves clothes. He wants everything like me. He sleeps with his gloves and goes to school with black glasses on. It's so funny.

But I believe you have to find your own way. What I hate about children is that they put you in a generation mode. I don't want to be anyone's father generation, grandfather generation, I'm of no generation. I'm from every generation.

Have you ever had a pet?
Yes, but they die so I don't like them. The drama is I had two I really liked and after they died I don't want another one. That's too depressing.

Are you afraid of death?
I couldn't care less. [Percy Bysshe] Shelley said death may be a waking up from the dream of life.

But if you ask me, I think it's like a sleep where you don't wake up. You don't remember before, you don't remember after. The only thing is I don't want to be seen dead. So anyway, over, over. The battery is finished, huh, puff.

Get more Karl

Want more Karl Lagerfeld? Visit metronews.ca to read about some of the fashion legend's muses, including Florence Welch, Edgar Ramirez and Azealia Banks.

Lagerfeld also gives us a look inside his personal office, and provides an insider's guide to his home base, Paris.

You can also watch Lagerfeld as he spends a day in our Metro Paris office, where he acted as guest editor-in-chief for a day.
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Put down that diet pop

New study shows drinking diet drinks put you at greater risk of heart attack, stroke and disease

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Switching to diet pop? Be careful.

A new study has found that drinking a diet soft drink every day can put you at increased risk of heart attack, stroke, heart failure and vascular death.

"It certainly wouldn't hurt to cut down, as you wouldn't be missing any important nutrients in your diet," Hannah Gardener, lead author of the paper and a scientist at the University of Miami, told Metro in a phone interview.

Gardener, along with colleagues from Miami and Columbia University in New York, analysed the eating and drinking habits of 2,564 people who had enrolled in the Northern Manhattan Study.

Over the 10 years of the study, researchers found a 43 per cent higher risk for heart attack, stroke and vascular death in those who drank diet soda daily, compared to those who drank none.

The study took into account confounding factors such as BMI, intake of fat and calories, and pre-existing illnesses.

Interestingly, people who occasionally drank diet pop or who drank regular sugary pop were not more likely to suffer from vascular events in this study.

Gardener was cautious in her advice about diet pop.

"I don't think people need to stop drinking it," she says.

"It's only one study. More research is needed."

ISTOCK PHOTO

▶ Artificially sweetened drinks are not a healthy alternative of regular drinks, a new study shows.

But she did add there is absolutely no harm in cutting back.

The research appeared in the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

The bottom line?

Keep in mind that artificially sweetened soft drinks might not be a healthier alternative to regular pop, as the long-term health effects remain unclear.

Drinking pop

Why would drinking lots of diet pop be linked with heart problems? It's still a mystery.

Increased risk Researchers in Miami found that drinking diet pop every day does seem to increase your risk of stroke, heart attack, heart failure and vascular events, but they didn't know why. They offered two possible reasons: One is that when you drink something artificially sweetened, it confuses your body, which then craves more calories. Another is that the caramel colouring in diet pop causes a slight chemical aging in the body. It has been linked to the disease multiple sclerosis.

Enter a pasta lover's heaven

Tre Visi serves up perhaps the best gnocchi in the city Other eats also win

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▶ Rigatoni Quattro Gusti with Tortellini Gustosi in the background.

When I visited Sensi Wine Lounge earlier this year, I was very impressed. And due to this first impression, I decided to try Tre Visi because it has the same owners. I was not disappointed.

If there are pillows in heaven on which angels lay their heads to sleep, the homemade Gnocchi Al Pesto ($15) would be those pillows. Delicate rectangles of potato dumpling softness in a rich pesto cream sauce make these perhaps the best gnocchi in the city.

Also divine were the Rigatoni Quattro Gusti ($14), with its rich meat, tomato, and cheese sauce and the Gamberoni Paolina ($24), with its perfectly cooked shrimp.

The Tortellini Gustosi ($14) was good but sadly not house-made, unlike the delicious sauce with which it's served.

Satisfying my sweet tooth was the Crème Brulèe ($7) with a perfect caramel top that cracked into velvety smooth custard flecked with vanilla bean.

Tre Visi is definitely one of the better restaurants in the Exchange and definitely worth a visit.

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Rating: 4 out of 5

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Slow Cooker Muesli

Preparation:

1. Spray inside slow cooker crock with non-stick spray. In crock, combine rice, dried apples, wheat berries, oats and barley. Stir in water, maple syrup, vanilla, cinnamon and salt. Cover.
2. Cook on High setting for 2 1/2 hours or until grains tender. Add butter, stirring muesli and adjust texture by adding water if desired. Serve with yogurt and additional maple syrup.

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Ingredients:

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) uncooked long grain brown rice
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely chopped dried apples
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) each wheat berries, steel cut oats and barley
- 1.5 l (6 cups) water
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pure maple syrup
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla extract
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- Vanilla yogurt

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▶ Take note guys. The chivalrous thing to do on transit would be to offer your seat to a woman.

CHIVALRY NOT DEAD YET, BUT IT'S UP TO PARENTS TO TEACH IT

Dear Charles
I think of the good old days when a man or boy offered his seat on the bus or subway to an older person or woman. I believe this was the correct thing to do. What do you think?
Signed,
I'm not an old spinster!

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Dear I'm not an old spinster!

We think back to a time in history when the air was pure, people were safe and properly dressed, they had polite manners and conversations with each other, and life was wonderful.

Well, I don't want to burst anyone's "happy-place bubble," but that time in history never really happened.

However, there was a time when chivalry was commonly practiced.

A man was always most respectful of women. I personally don't believe that chivalry is dead; I observe that when it is practiced, it is very much appreciated and welcomed.

So what's my point? I believe chivalry must be taught.

Parents who go out of their way to teach their children these manners give them great social advantages, because nobody is ever criticized for being polite or a gentleman, but everyone is always criticized for their rudeness and lack of manners.

So gentlemen, on this Valentine's Day, remember your manners — it's always worth it!

HAVE A QUESTION? EMAIL CHARLES AT ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A CHEATER GETS CHEATED ON

TWO SISTERS

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I recently found out that my long-term girlfriend had been cheating on me. Obviously I was upset, but I'm not sure what to do with that information, as I have been involved with another girl on the side for some time as well. Aside from the mutual infidelities, the relationship between us is great. What the heck do I do now?
Cheating cheater.

Andrea: Dear Cheated Cheater,

Is it cheating if you're open about it? Not really. If anything, I see the situation as being positive in a twisted way: you have more in common than you thought! If you don't like the idea of your girl acting just like you, then take a moment to re-evaluate your behaviour. What are you hoping to get out of your relationship? I'll take a guess that it isn't commitment or even honesty.

It could be love, however. You may just have to define what that means to you, and for her. This whole situation is a wake up call for you to decide who you want to be, as a person and a lover. And yes, tell her.

Claire: Dear Cheated Cheater,

What on earth are you doing together? You sound like you're both using each other as human security blankets — there for each other when and if the games on the side don't work out.

No matter how Hollywood your relationship sounds, it's not cool.

You are not Marc and she is not J.Lo, nor are you Demi and Ashton. Tell her the truth. Maybe it will give you both a small chance of starting something healthy and strong.

If not, you can both save that energy you use sneaking around to build something healthy with someone else.

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Why keep up with the Joneses?

Have your very good manners made you house poor?
Stop trying to keep up appearances and get out of debt

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Home owners often have to increase their cash flow by cutting back on spending.

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According to a survey released last week by ComFree, 40 per cent of Canadians are very hesitant to talk about their personal financial situation because it isn't 'polite,' especially when it comes to home ownership.

The majority stated that they'd prefer to maintain their current outward perception of net worth. Sadly, keeping up with the Joneses is one of the major reasons Canadians wind up house poor.

Home poverty is when after paying a mortgage and household bills, there's little money left over for other things like groceries, RRSP contributions, home maintenance, car repairs and vacations.

To get out of it, home owners must increase their cash flow by cutting back spending.

If you're running a negative bank balance for more than three months because of your home, you're in financial trouble and must make major cash-flow adjustments.

March over to the bank immediately and consolidate your loans and credit cards to take advantage of low interest rates and more affordable monthly repayment options.

Cancel unnecessary monthly expenses like club or gym memberships, dinners out, souped-up cellphone and cable packages, iTune downloads and nail/hair appointments.

"Politeness and maintaining a perception of wealth have no place in healthy personal finances."

If you're guilty of splurging on your kids, stop and explain to them that you need to save money. Get a roommate and lease out your parking stall. If you've got two vehicles, sell one and share the other with your partner, or get rid of your car permanently.

If you can't get out of the red, you may need to sell your home, buy a smaller more affordable one, or rent for a while.

The top three ways to save major money when selling a home are to price it correctly, negotiate to maximize the home's value and consider selling through a commission-free listing service like ComFree.

And the top three ways to save major money when buying a home are to recognize a good deal, buy within your means, and use a mortgage broker to get a rock-bottom interest rate.

Politeness and maintaining a perception of wealth have no place in healthy personal finances.

By talking about our finances and getting advice from qualified professionals, Canadians can be more realistic about building their net worth, which includes affordable home ownership.

Don't blame service on employees

New book says senior executives, company policies are often to blame for shoddy customer service
'It's the fault of people who designed the management system' says one expert

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Out of order

There's no simple recipe for great customer service.

"Service isn't always about trying harder. We found that the psychic barriers are harder to get over than the operational or financial barriers," explains Anne Morriss. "It's hard when you're a type-A manager to make peace with the idea that you're not going to be great at everything."

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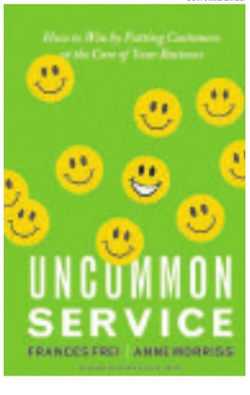

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You might want to think twice the next time you get mad at your server.

Authors Frances Frei and Anne Morriss admit their message is largely intended for the "C-suite" — those invisible stuffed shirts, constantly implementing policies that make it harder to do your job. But their latest book, Uncommon Service: How to Win by Putting Customers at the Core of Your Business, still holds plenty of wisdom for the little guy.

As operations management specialists, Frei and Morriss have devoted five years to analyzing bad customer service. And they're here to deliver the good news: It's not your fault, employees!

"We might blame employees because we've had bad interactions with them, but, as far as we've observed, it's essentially never the employee's fault. It's the fault of the people who designed the management system," says Frei, who also serves as the chair of the MBA program at Harvard.

"Too often companies desire to do everything well, and they create a kind of exhausted mediocrity. Employees can't do everything well: when you optimize a system to be both best in class at speed and best at thoroughness, you're going to wind up being average at both."

The expert pair admits this is tough medicine for most executives. But they preach a natural yin and yang of service: in order to excel in the area that's most important to your customers, you might have to be not so good in less important areas.

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Noel sees a silver lining with Jets

Season-by-season comparison reveals little difference between Thrashers last year and Jets now ◐ Coach puts focus on kick-starting team offence

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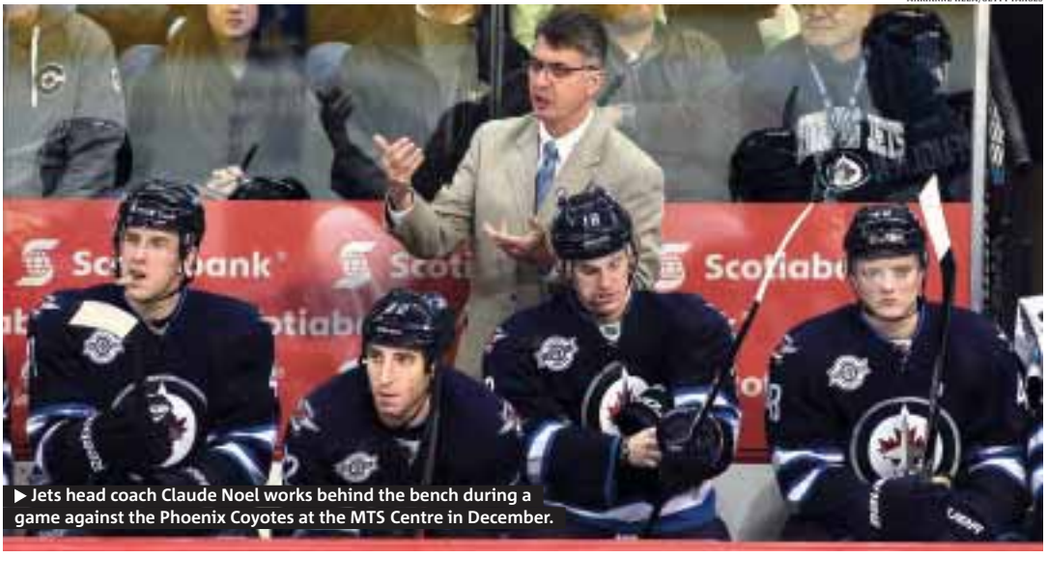

▶ Jets head coach Claude Noel works behind the bench during a game against the Phoenix Coyotes at the MTS Centre in December.

As the Winnipeg Jets slowly sink below the line separating the NHL's playoff-bound teams from the rest, coach Claude Noel has to hope solid teamwork will get his club's offence on track.

He won't directly say the Jets just don't have the depth of talent needed — particularly when some of their best players have been injured. But he doesn't argue the point.

"I'll let you decide whether we have enough, I wouldn't want to answer that question," he said Monday. "If you don't have enough you become reliant on the group. That's how you have to play.... I want to be reliant on the group because I think that's what we need."

There were no signings that dramatically changed the makeup of the team that failed to make the playoffs in Atlanta last season, before relocating to Winnipeg.

This season, about the biggest move so far was claiming Finnish forward Antti Miettinen off waivers in December.

Noel still hopes the right-winger can be a reliable third-line player, adding perhaps 15 goals a season. So far, Miettinen has three assists and no goals in 21 games with the Jets.

General manager Kevin Cheveldayoff also hasn't made any trades that might shake things up before the deadline. So it's perhaps not surprising the Jets are playing pretty much the same as the Thrashers.

Entering play Monday night, the Jets (24-24-6) were 10th in the Eastern Conference, six points behind the Toronto Maple Leafs, who hold the final playoff spot. The Leafs visit Winnipeg tonight.

After 54 games last season, the then-Thrashers had 57 points, three more than Winnipeg has after the same number of games this season.

Noel, who has been doing his best to forge a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts, still sounds like an optimist.

"I coach what we have," he said. "You can find ways to get it done."

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Jets preview

Toronto at Winnipeg
7:30 p.m.
TV: TSN-Jets

The Jets (24-24-6) host Toronto (28-19-6), which is playing its second game in two nights. James Reimer started in net against Edmonton on Monday in a game the Leafs won 6-3, which likely means Jonas Gustavsson will play tonight. Gustavsson had three shutouts in 11 January starts, posting a 2.08 goals-against average and .926 save percentage. Winnipeg hasn't played a home game since losing 4-3 in overtime to Florida on Jan. 21. Since then, the Jets scored a total of six goals on a six-game road trip.

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▶ Sidney Crosby

Crosby, Staal return to practice

The Pittsburgh Penguins got a boost at practice Monday with both Sidney Crosby and Jordal Staal taking drills on the ice.

Neither is ready to return to game action, but their presence allowed the Penguins to imagine having a healthy lineup.

"It was good to be out there," said Crosby. "This week's been pretty good.

"I feel like I'm getting there. I don't know the timeframe. I wish I did."

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Contador found guilty of doping

Alberto Contador was stripped of his 2010 Tour de France title Monday and banned for two years after being found guilty of doping. The Court of Arbitration for Sport rejected Contador's claim that his positive test for clenbuterol was caused by eating contaminated meat. The 29-year-old, who also won the Tour in 2007 and '09 tested positive during a Tour rest day in July 2010.

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▶ Giants receiver Victor Cruz arrives in Newark, N.J. with teammates Monday.

Giants return home champions

Smiles were the order of the day, as the Super Bowl-champion New York Giants returned home, victorious once again.

The team's plane from Indianapolis touched down Monday afternoon at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey.

Several players saluted the crowd as they departed the aircraft, and some used cameras and video recorders to capture the moment. Coach Tom Coughlin also had a big smile as he waved to the crowd. Earlier in the day, the 65-year-old said he sees no reason to retire now.

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Sunday's win over the Patriots was the Giants' fourth Super Bowl win. They now trail only Pittsburgh with six titles, and San Francisco and Dallas with five.

"I mean, it's what I do," Coughlin said just hours after New York beat the New England Patriots 21-17 in the Super Bowl. "So the alternative I've never really given it a whole lot of consideration. (Just coach) as long as I can."

Once on the ground, the players, coaches and team officials were greeted by several hundred airport employees and a Port Authority bagpipe band. Crews also fired water cannons to salute the team while the plane taxied to a hangar.

The players then took buses to the team's headquarters in East Rutherford, where thousands of fans lined the gates waiting to catch a glimpse of the champions.

The Giants' parade is on Tuesday.

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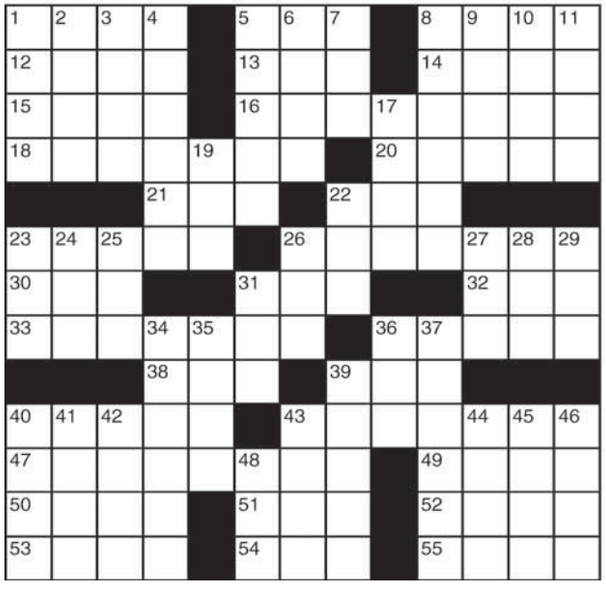

Across

1 Improvise musically
5 Ram's mate
8 "Dracula" author Stoker
12 Eastern potentate
13 Parcel of land
14 Continental money
15 Puerto —
16 Limbs
18 1980s TV exec Tartikoff
20 Gumbo ingredients
21 AAA assignment
22 Expert
23 Station
26 Star of 1996 "Hamlet"
30 Exist
31 Week component
32 Ruby or Sandra
33 Missouri tourist mecca
36 Born earlier
38 Charged bit
39 "Hail!"
40 Beachgoer's mat
43 Bygone U.S. airline
47 Boston-area university
49 Spoken
50 Denomination
51 Commotion
52 Take the bus
53 Jab
54 Sawbuck
55 Being (Lat.)

Down

1 Predicate part
2 Eastern bigwig (Var.)
3 Isinglass
4 Quickly
5 Arm joint
6 Sported
7 Greek H
8 Summon with a gesture
9 German industrial district
10 Neighborhood
11 Rolling stone's lack
17 Mrs. Nick Charles
19 Speck
22 Snoop
23 Apply lightly
24 Blunder
25 — shooter
26 Proscription
27 Do sums
28 "Gosh!"
29 That woman
31 Rickles or Knotts
34 Nothing (Ital.)
35 Auctioneer's call
36 Eggs
37 Maiden in "The Raven"
39 Pyromaniac's crime
40 Recipe meas.
41 Sandwich cookie
42 Lousy (Sl.)
43 Wait a while
44 Eye part
45 Crazes
46 Run away
48 Chow down

▶ Monday's answer

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Sudoku

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	4							5
9							5	8
	7	5	2		6	1	3	
3	2							7
2							9	
6					8			
			7	4	9		1	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Monday's answer ▶

2	6	4	8	3	9	5	7	1
1	3	9	7	6	5	2	8	4
7	5	8	1	4	2	9	6	3
8	7	2	4	1	3	6	9	5
4	9	6	2	5	7	3	1	8
5	1	3	9	8	6	4	2	7
3	8	5	6	2	1	7	4	9
6	4	7	5	9	8	1	3	2
9	2	1	3	7	4	8	5	6

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LBJ,
Wanted to wish you a Very Happy Birthday this week baby. I love you so much and can't wait to spend the rest of our lives together. Going to find you a really sexy present too. xoxox
YOURGIRL

My Pumpkin,
I love you and really want you to stay. Without you is not an option. In all my past I have never felt so comfortable. I W
FROM YOUR BABY

French Pamplemousse needs her Irish boyfriend. No matter the distance between us, you're the only one I want. I love you and I can't imagine being with anyone else. I miss you, come back soon...
FROM YOUR FRENCH PAMPLEMOUSSE

A look at the weather

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Min -21°	Min -13°	Min -20°
Max -8°	Max -2°	Max -11°

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You won't take kindly to someone who tries to meddle in your personal affairs.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
In a matter of days you will be riding the crest of a wave again – and this time you won't fall off.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You need a bit more preparation in order to achieve what you want to accomplish.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You know what it is you need to be doing and all that should concern you now is making a start.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Enjoy yourself but don't be reckless.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You may have to take on new responsibilities today. You may also have to work at something you do not particularly enjoy.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
The tougher the task the more you will like it: in fact you will seek out challenges that put you to the test.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Don't let others pressure you into accepting something unless you are 100 per cent sure it is the right thing for you.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Some people seem to delight in taking the opposite view to everything you say. That's their right, of course, but it's your right to ignore them.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Anyone who dares oppose you will be dealt with swiftly and harshly.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You may be on the go from morning to night but where is all this activity getting you? Nowhere fast by the look of things. Slow down today and focus on the one or two issues that really matter.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Money matters will be high on your agenda today and if you follow your instincts you may come into some cash.

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